

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary "Stolen Honor" days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Airing this one-sided documentary violates the public trust. Furthermore, the actions of Sinclair Broadcasting clearly shows that this media conglomerate - based far away from Western Massachusetts where my local ABC station WGGB broadcasts - is out of touch with the values of residents in this area; we believe in allowing a diversity of views to be presented, from local points of view. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.